

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY MAY 12, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, Council Members Rivas, Robinson and Lee; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Mayor Diaz and Council Member Garcia arrived after roll call.

The meeting was opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to approved the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala announced that on May 14, 2022 at the police station, Mr. Allen Jamail was recognizing our officers during National Law Enforcement month, the event would be at 3:00 p.m. and there would be refreshments and invited everyone to come out and join them.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, advised that they were still taking applications for life guards and the pool would be opening on Memorial Day weekend, they would be having swimming lessons and also summer kids program for Jacinto City residence.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advise that their participation at the center was increasing and that she was working with Target Hunger to establish a distribution site for the seniors in our community to get food.

Claudia Hairston, Jacinto City Library, stated their attendance was also increasing, discussed the programs they were having and provided a flyer high lighting the programs.

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Thomas Rogers, Public Works, discussed the North Side water line project, stating the contractor was still working on the punch list and should be finished up soon.

He advised that we had the pre bid meeting on the waste water treatment plant on Wednesday and had five bidders present.

He advised that the newest and youngest employee, Ramiro Chavero has passed his test and now has his C sewer license.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres stated that at the safety meeting last week the public works guys made a big deal of him getting his license, they had cup cakes and recognized him and that is what we need to do is encourage the younger employees.

He stated that they were aware that we were getting some push back on the next phase of the North Side water line project but it looks like we will be funded, they are asking for an environmental report, which they already have and this phase would be from Mercury to Flint.

He advised that that on June 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. we would be having the Vaccination clinic at the public works facility and were being very concerned about social distancing, that they may have them stay in their cars and drive through the line.

There were no comments from the public.

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Belt Harris Pechacek to present Audit for FY 2020-2021**

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Mr. Ben Todd with Belt Harris Pechacek stated that the staff did a good job of providing them with the information they need for the audit and they gave the city a clean opinion, that the financial statements are very good.

He went over the Statement of net position at the end of the year, that they had stayed consistent which was a good sign.

He discussed the statement of revenues, Expenditures and changes in the Fund Balances and that the fund balances were good.

He covered the schedule of Revenues, expenditures and changes in Fund, Budget and Actual for General Fund, that the city stays pretty much in budget and council approves budget amendments as need and is in good financial shape.

There were no questions for the auditor.

2. Administer Oaths of Office to unopposed candidates elected by Ordinance 2022-3 on March 3, 2022.

Judge Risner, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2 administered the Oaths of Office to Council Members Rivas, Robinson and Lee.

Judge Risner stated the people at this table do a great job and he didn't think the people of Jacinto City realize how fortunate they are to have this council, we had just hear the report on the budget and he thinks they need to give the people a raise, they do a good job.

3. First Reading of Ordinance 2022-4 Setting Salary for Mayor and City Council

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City Attorney DeFoyd read Ordinance 2022-4 and ask for amounts, Council Member Robinson stated \$400.00 per month with a car allowance of \$350.00 for the Mayor and \$350.00 a month for council members with a car allowance of \$225.00

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve Ordinance 2022-4 setting Salary for the Mayor and City council on the first reading. Vote 5 For 0 Against

4. Council to appoint Mayor Pro Tem

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Garcia to appoint Council Member Rivas Mayor Pro Tem. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

5. Council to consider amending the July 4th Fire Works Budget Code 15-6858 to \$11,000.00

City Manager Squyres advised that the price of fire works had increased a lot and for years we had budgeted \$6,000.00 and last year \$7,500.00 and as everyone knew how the supply of products was hard to get. He Stated that if we did fireworks with the budget we had in the past it would be very simple and short, that Chief Mier would be doing the shoot and she could space them out and he had contacted Galena Park and they had agreed to increase their budget as well so we would have \$22,000.00 for the fire works display.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve Budget Code 15-6858 in the amount of \$11,000.00 for the fire works display. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

6. Council to approve auction of 2005 Ford F150 pickup, Unit #34

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City Manager Squyres stated if approved they would auction on govdeal.com which makes it easier for the city and it has worked well for the city

Council Member Rivas ask if we did this were we going to budget for another vehicle.

City Manager Squyres stated that he thought that they already had a seizure vehicle to replace it and would be requesting one more vehicle in the next budget.

Chief Ayala stated that they have a 2018 seizure vehicle and he has already contacted the District Attorney and advised them how we would like to utilize it and was waiting to hear back.

A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve the auction of the 2005 Ford F150 pickup.

Vote: 5 For 0 Against

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas thanked everyone for coming out, it was a big deal for him each time he took the Oath of Office and pledged to serve the city, that he really likes what he does, helping people out anyway he can. He congratulated Mr. Ramiro on obtaining his license and a few years ago he would have parade him on his shoulders but he doesn't do that anymore and that we had a slight mosquito issue but nothing bad.

Bernardo Perez stated they weren't spraying yet, that they haven't had any complaints and the State says they have to have complaints.

Council Member Rivas stated that he appreciate the report on the water line project, they handle the problems and move on to the next thing, he commended public works and God Bless.

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Council Member Rivas stated that when ZZTop passed away he commented on that and that Mickey Gilley had passed away on March 7th and he thanked him for putting this little place on the map and seeing what all the famous people on utube had to say about him.

Council Member Robinson thanked everyone for allowing him to serve the city for two more years, that he like to be involved with thing going on in the city.

Council Member Lee stated it was an honor to serve with a young man like Mr. Robinson and an honor to serve the city. He stated that hie wife, Vicki, his son and grandchildren were here tonight and he thanked everyone for their support and God Bless.

Council Member Garcia congratulated the Council Members and it was an honor to serve with them, that they had different ideas but they worked together. She commended the city staff, stating that it took a team to make things happen. She thanked Tommy for his report on the water line project, and ask about the Market by Night.

City Manager Squyres stated that Christal helped with the market and ask her to report on the Market. Christal advised that the market was Saturday, May 14th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., that they would have entertainment, a number of vendors and they would have a new vendor that would be selling Tie Food.

Council Member Garcia ask if Little League had any comments,

Ms. Atchison advised that May 21st was the last ball game and the they had received an award and would get to march across the field and be recognized. She stated they would not have a fall league, they were going to give them a break.

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Council Member Garcia thanked the Police Department for keeping eyes on the city and explained that they had a vacation watch that residents could sign up for if they were going to be on vacation, etc. and they would drive by and check on your house.

Council Member Gonzales stated that he was proud of the good audit report and it showed how good a job our administration does. He congratulated the returning council members.

Mayor Diaz commended the Council Members for the job they do and it was an honor to work with them.

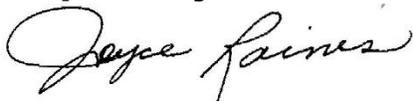
Council Member Robinson thanked the City Manager and his staff for the good work they do.

City Manager Squyres stated that he appreciate it but it was not just him, that Kathy and Joyce do a lot of this work and has gone through the audits for a lot of years.

He stated that he had given the wrong date on the Vaccination Clinic, that it was May 25th not May 15th.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines".

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**